

To the Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 96 without my signature.

While I understand the author's interest in encouraging the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to develop plans that will improve the monitoring of sex offenders in the community, this bill does not go far enough and would only require the CDCR to produce a report on one specific area of monitoring. Instead I believe that the CDCR should be tasked with the development of a comprehensive report that deals with all aspects of the management of adult sex offenders released into the community including their treatment, housing, supervision, and transition from prison. This is why I support and signed Assembly Bill 1015, which would establish a Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) that will report on the best policies and practices, including the use global positioning satellite (GPS) devices, to improve the overall community supervision of sex offenders and ensure that the citizens of California live in the safest possible environment.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger